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Skelton Statement on Evans' Retirement

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Ranking Member Ike Skelton (MO) released the following statement in reaction to the retirement announcement of senior committee member, Lane Evans (IL).

"Having served in Congress with Lane Evans for 24 years, including many years working together on the House Armed Services Committee, I have come to know the depth of Lane's character. His insight and dedication will be truly missed.

"Lane has been a tireless champion for our nation's veterans. By drawing attention to Gulf War syndrome and post-traumatic stress disorder, Lane helped millions of veterans who spent years fighting to access VA medical care. Future generations of veterans will also benefit from Lane's efforts to improve the transition of individuals from the DoD to the VA.

"All Members of Congress support the troops and their families, but Lane Evans turned that support into 24 years of action. Lane will be greatly missed by the service members whose lives he touched and by those of us who have had the privilege to witness his commitment and perseverance, but the legacy of his example will remain. The men and women of our armed forces deserve no less."